

# SOMERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## 2005 DIRECTOR'S & PRESERVATION AWARDS



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MAYOR

### NOMINATION FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of property being judged \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the property briefly (e.g. single family house, commercial property, date and style to the best of your knowledge).
2. Do you own this property? If so, for how long? If not, relationship to property (e.g. neighbor, passerby, contractor ...)
3. Has the building had recent work done on it? When?
4. Describe the work that was done (if known) to restore the architectural quality or maintain the historic fabric of this building. Include photographs if available – “before” and “after” shots are especially effective. Note: we are not likely to return application materials, including photographs, so please include copies, not originals. Digital photos are ideal and may be included on disk.
5. If new work was not done, but repair and replacement work was recently undertaken to maintain the property's distinctive architectural character, please describe the historic elements, materials and/or workmanship that were preserved or restored (e.g. porch features, stained glass work, clapboard or shingle recladding).
6. Describe what you believe are the best features of the building. Does it reflect an important quality or character prevalent in its neighborhood (e.g. workingman's housing, large lot preservation, garage or carriage house)? What is special or distinctive about it (e.g. adaptive reuse of structure, owner sweat equity, turn around of long-term neglect)? Is it an especially good example of a particular architectural style (e.g. Greek Revival, Mansard, Queen Anne)?
7. Please share any information on the history of the house or its owners that would be of general interest.

*Additional comments are welcome and may be attached on a separate piece of paper.*

# **The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

**Preservation Award:** Any residential, public or commercial property that has been designated a Somerville Local Historic District Property and has had qualifying preservation work completed on it from **January 2003 to December of 2004** is eligible for recognition.

**Director's Award:** In addition, any structure or building built before 1955, and which had qualifying preservation work completed on it **January 2003 to December of 2004**, may be eligible as part of the 2005 Preservation Awards Program.

## **PRESERVATION & DIRECTOR'S AWARDS**

**Winners of Preservation and Director's Awards** will receive an architectural drawing or original art of their honored property created by students in the Somerville High School Drafting and Art Departments. Students may visit the property in the wintertime to take measured drawings and photographs of the exterior. These visits will enable the students to accurately draw each building's unique architectural details, and learn more about local architecture and historic preservation in Somerville.

The awards will be presented at a formal ceremony at the Somerville Museum during Somerville's Historic Preservation Month in May 2005.

## **JUDGING PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

A subcommittee of the **Historic Preservation Commission** will review each application and the attached submissions before making a site visit. They will judge each property based upon the following criteria:

1. whether the work is consistent with the building's original style and character;
2. the compatibility of the work with the rest of the property;
3. extent of work accomplished, large job or small, to return property to its best condition; and
4. the contribution or inspiration that the work gives to the surrounding neighborhood.

All decisions by the judges will be final.

Additional forms may be obtained from, and all nominations with supporting material, should be directed to:

## **The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission**

City Hall - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

93 Highland Avenue

Somerville, MA 02143

Fax # 617-625-0722, or [www.ci.somerville.ma.us](http://www.ci.somerville.ma.us)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SHPC Staff, Brandon Wilson (Executive Director) or Kristi Chase (Preservation Planner) at 617-625-6600 ext.2500 or via e-mail to: [bwilson@ci.somerville.ma.us](mailto:bwilson@ci.somerville.ma.us) or [kchase@ci.somerville.ma.us](mailto:kchase@ci.somerville.ma.us).

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2004 at 4:30 P.M.**